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Application /control number 10/760,157

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Examiner Supervisor
Sandra O'Shea,

REGARDING DAMAGE TO THE ABOVE APPLICATION FILE
AND NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT dated 9/23/06

Dear Madam,

This is not a formal response but a record of trouble in the Patent Office procedures resulting in missing pages, missing drawings and wrongly substituted claims in the above application, This is addressed to your attention rather than the Legal Instrument Examiner Dorothy Bell , in my reply to the action by examiner A.C. Rehm and primary examiner S. Husar it was mentioned that informal claims had been used, this information was **ignored..** October 19th, 2005, Reply to office action, containing rewritten abstract and five rewritten claims. 4 sheets a - d **Copies attached #1**
A notice of Non-Compliant Dated Nov. 01, 2005 was received with Item 4. amendments to the claims, boxes A & C marked and signed by Dorothy Bell. of LIE. C "new" was chosen.

A reply to the above was made Dec 21, 2005. **Copy attached #2**

A Notice of Abandonment dated Aug. 23rd. 2006 was received with Item 1.C, and Item 7 marked and signed by Dorothy Bell.

The application was initially made without the proper care and attention expected in order to obtain a filing date 01/20/2004. A notice to file Missing parts dated 09/20/2004, namely replacement drawings for better line quality and replacement claims using proper format. Two fees of \$65 were submitted. The initial examination was made by N. Mohammed. The filing was noted as **3 drawings 10 claims**. The initial claims were **not signed**, the replacement claims were dated Nov. 2, 2004. and were **signed**.

Under your office - ***Claim Objections***

13. Claims 1-8 , There were 10 claims on the initial and replacements.

NOTE Line 1- 8 The replacement claims were corrected.

There were three pages of claims in the initial submitting. The third page containing claims 9. and 10. (to show existence) **Copy attached #3**

There were two pages of claims in the replacements. The second page containing claims 6 through 10. (to show date) **Copy attached #4**

Drawings

3. The drawings show every feature claimed, Fig. I (detail 1)

Fig. 2 (sectional view along line 2 fig I.)

Fig. 3. (detail 3.) shows the lamp assembly with P.C. board and plug.

(cont)

A cast base , claim 5. figure 4. (detail 21) shows mounting of base on steering column.

A brake on wire, claim 7. Figure 8. (connection Q) refer to the Logic Control Schematic, also page six showing vehicle inputs.

It would appear that drawing sheet 2. containing figures 4, 5, 6, & 7. and drawing sheet 3, showing figure 8., the Logic Control Schematic are missing and also page 6 of the specification. **Copies attached #5, 6, & 7**

The patent requested is of a basic nature and all details were included to give full disclosure, and could be constructed and understood by most.

All these missing parts gives rise to speculation that it could possibly be an accident, malicious (a disgruntled person). bad filing, incompetence or stealing to pass on parts to say China, a body like China who does not acknowledge patent laws. (according to our Mi. Senator Debbie Stabenaw who is up for re-election and says in her ads., that she passed a bill to prevent China ignoring our patents). We have a blame China mentality here.

However , the Patent Office has an obligation to protect the Intellectual Property of its clientele, I hope this matter can explained and cleared up.

QUESTIONS

Why did Examiner S. Husar not conclude on first inspection that what He had in application 10/760,157 was not making sense and return it to N. Mohammed? Some one should have checked the document with N. Mohammed and asked how did this get by him or who handled it next. Is there no provision for a reject process at various stages to return document to last inspection? Pushing it into a LIE section is O.K. for checking form, but we are talking here of technical matters. What would a legal person know? What happened to the file between Dec. 21, 2005 and Aug. 23, 2006? Why no action to my reply of OCT. 19, 2005, 1st paragraph? Did Examiner Husar understand that the directional signals indicate the movement of the front wheels?

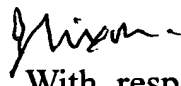
To conclude, footnote ;

An argument against ABANDMENT is that examination of application no. 10/760,157 was incomplete due to condition of the file by negligence.

If I can be of any help like sending proper copies of all pertinent material or whatever to responsible people, to avoid a cover-up, please let me know.

I have an interest in a Michigan company making "O" rings, seals and other molded parts- RHM Rubber & Mfg Co. and I have 20 odd years of circuit design.

October 12, 2006,
Brighton, Michigan.


With respect
John Nixon, Applicant.

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Art unit 2875

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

The applicant made an initial filing dated 1/20/2004, the application was deemed informal as the declaration was missing, the drawings too light and replacement claims were required, the missing parts filed and fees paid dated 11/15/2004. It appears the examiner is using the informal claims, the applicant mentions this only to remove any blame on the initial patent examiner.

The applicant would also like to make the point that he holds U.S. Patent Numbers 4,476,820 of 10/16/1984 and 4,494,487 of 01/22/1985. completed with Attorney D. Sprinkle.

The applicant thinks that the claim for a vehicle steering directional signaling device from an operator attached to the steering mechanism giving an electrical output , by mechanically operated or proximity switches is unique, as indicators for lane change have often been written about. With the mandatory requirement of two outside mirrors, a mounting for such an indicator becomes possible, and this claim depends on claim 1.

October 19th, 2005,
Brighton, Michigan.

Respectfully, John Nixon, applicant.

Enclosed: Replacement Abstract and Claims 1 through 5.

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Replacement sheet 10/19/2005

ABSTRACT

A method of providing physical protection and signal alarms for vehicle outside mirrors by a flexible tube with flanges mounted to protect the rear and underside of the mirror housing. Longitudinal contact strips in the tube close on distortion and switch on an alarm to cause lights located on the mounting flanges to flash, the alarm is manually reset. The lights also are used to show vehicle operations such as a small change in direction indicating a lane change and reversing, running and braking with signals mechanically produced and reset, and a hazard signal that is manually produced and reset.

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Art unit 2875

Replacement sheet 1.

I claim:

1. For use in conjunction with a vehicle having outside rear viewing mirrors, a device for protection of mirror housing and containing alarm signal lighting, comprising:

a flexible tube with flanges containing longitudinal electrical contact strips giving an output on impact, said flanges mounted at the rear and underside of said tube along the width, said output causing lights mounted on said rear and underside flanges controlled by logic circuitry, to flash.

2. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said flexible tube with flanges is of material characterized by neoprene or rubber or plastics.

3. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said electrical contact strips is of material characterized by beryllium copper or stainless steel.

4. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said lights are characterized by light emitting diodes, krypton, xenon, halogen or incandescent bulbs.

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Replacement sheet 2.

5. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said logic circuitry to control the lights is characterized by solid state modular or integrated construction.

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Art Unit 2875

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
Date mailed 11/01/2005

Regarding amendment 4 to the claims: .

Claims 1 through 8 are rejected by the Examiner and are withdrawn.

The status of the following replacement claims is as below:

.Claim 1 New.

Claim 2 New

Claim 3 New

Claim 4 New

Claim 5 New

The applicant apologizes for failure to make the status of the replacement claims clear.

Hoping this information complies with the requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

December 21st, 2005
Brigjhton, Michigan.

John Nixon, Applicant.

SAFETY LIGHTING FOR VEHICLE OUTSIDE MIRRORS

I claim: continued

9. The running and clearance lamp as defined in claim 1. and 4. connects to the vehicle 'hot in run' wire.

10. The invention as defined in claim 1. wherein the logic circuitry is of solid state integrated construction and is contained in a control box containing input and output connectors, signal modifiers at inputs and outputs isolate and condition the signals. The control box is located centrally on the vehicle, preferably on the firewall in the engine compartment.

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5. continued

directional sequencing light emitting assemblies interlock with a vehicle operator turning signal, switching off with an opposite over-riding turning signal.

6. The invention as defined in claim 2, wherein the said attachment means contains a safety bumper positioned between the two light emitting assemblies at the rear and the underside of the housings, the tubular bumper, formed from the base flexible material and sized to protect the light assemblies and containing electrical contact strips to close on impact and giving an electrical output.

7. The invention as defined in claim 1, wherein a braking signal connects the vehicle "brake on" wire, as the vehicle brake is applied, energizing the second, third and fourth light emitting assemblies on both sides of the vehicle.

8. The invention as defined in claim 1, wherein a hazard signal is given when reversing the vehicle energizing the "in reverse" vehicle connection, sequencing the second, third and fourth light emitting assemblies on both sides of the vehicle, the signal is also controlled by an on-off switch and by alarm switches on the safety bumpers both connected to the "hot at all times" wire.

9. The invention as defined in claim 1, wherein the running and clearance light emitting assembly is energized by the vehicle "ignition on" signal.

10. The invention as defined in claim 1, wherein the logic circuitry is of solid state integrated construction.

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November 2nd, 2004.
Brighton, Michigan.

John Nixon, applicant.



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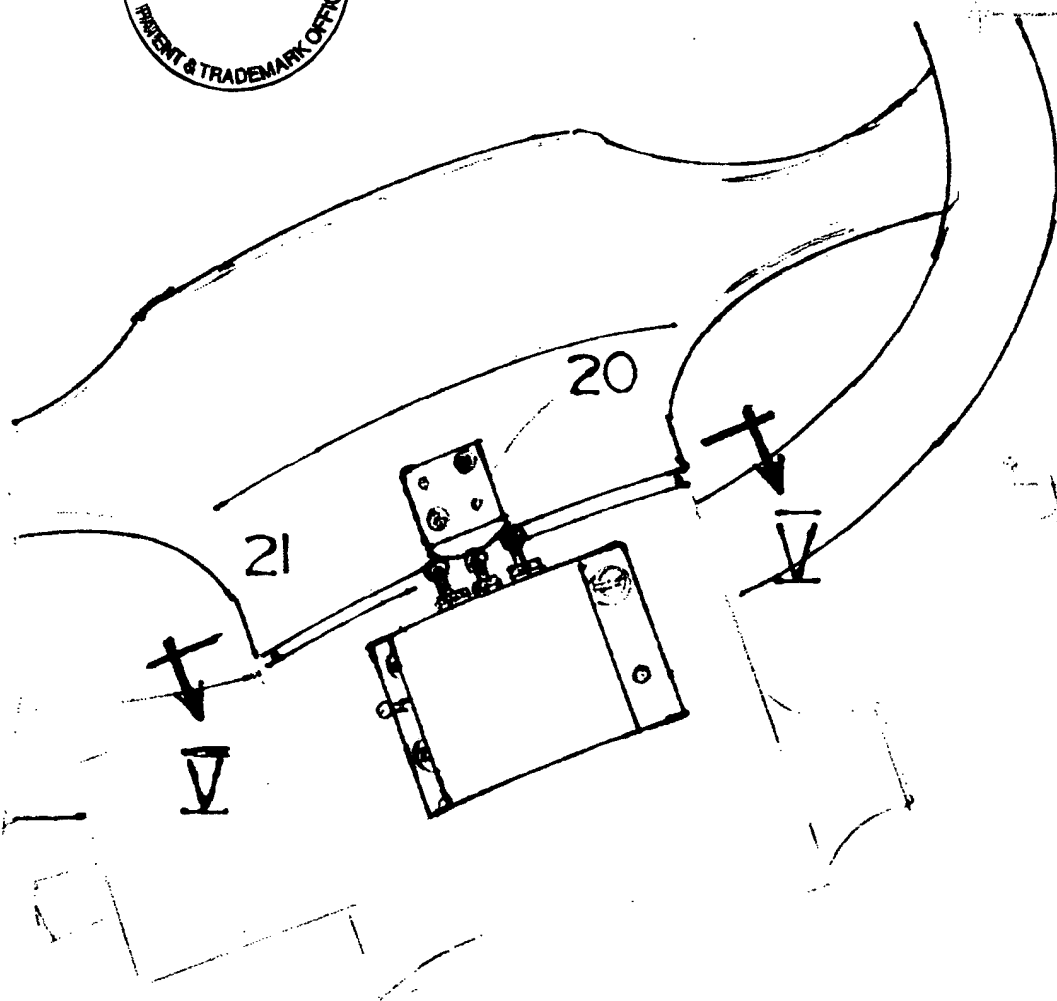


FIG. 4.

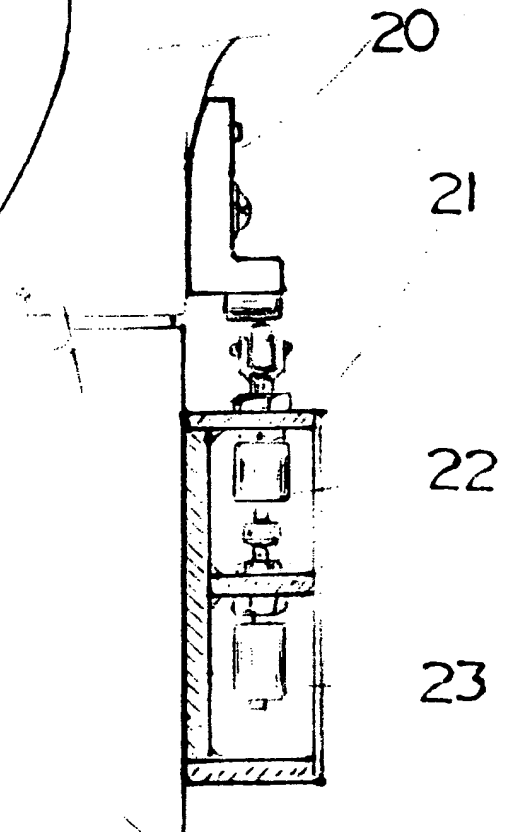


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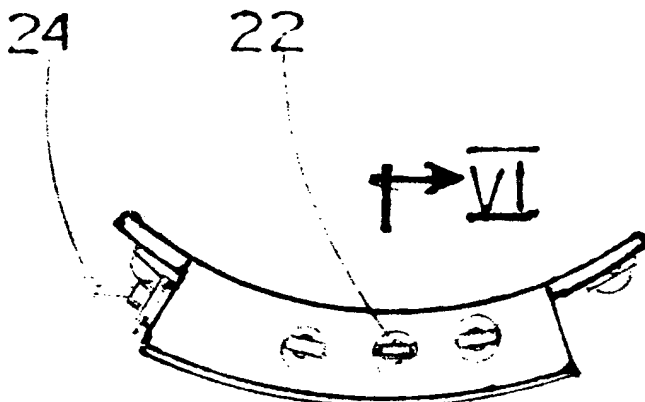


FIG. 5. \leftrightarrow VI

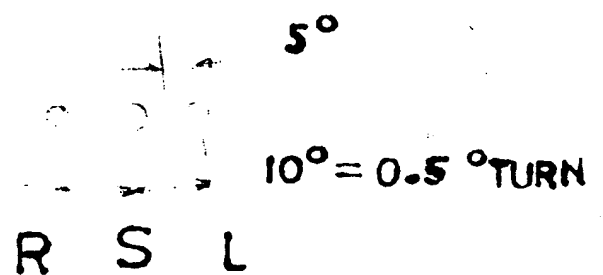


FIG. 7.

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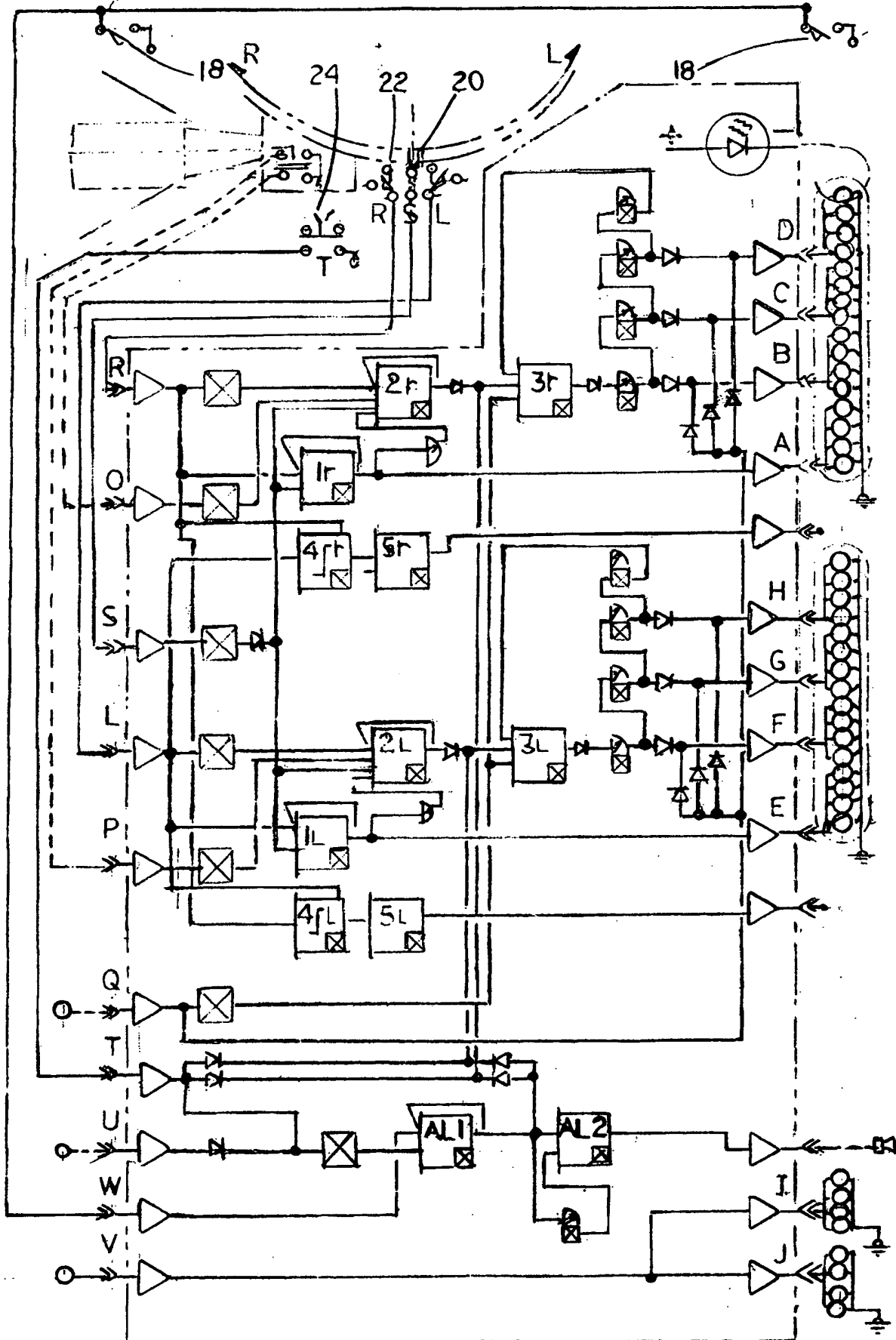


FIG. 8.

DRAWING.
SHEET 3.

SAFETY LIGHTING FOR VEHICLE OUTSIDE MIRRORS

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION, THE LOGIC CONTROL SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM:

As best shown in figure 8:

Vehicle inputs (I/P's) connected to the logic circuit:

- P. Connected to the 'right turn' wiring.
- O. Connected to the 'left turn' wiring.
- Q. Connected to the 'brake on' wiring.
- U. Connected to the 'in reverse' wiring.
- V. Connected to the 'Ignition on' wiring
- W. Connected to the 'Hot all time' through alarm switch.

Switch assembly inputs (I/P's) connected to the logic circuit:

- S. Steering wheel in 'Straight ahead' position
- R. Steering wheel in 'turning Right' position
- L. Steering wheel in 'turning Left' position
- T. Hazard switch "on" and alarm cancel 'on-off'.

Vehicle outputs (O/P's) connected to the logic circuit shown:

For the right hand rear view mirror housing

- A. Switch on the lamp nearest R.H. door, vehicle moving right
- B. Switch on next lamp, vehicle turning right and after delay
- C. Switch on next lamp, and after delay
- D. Switch on next lamp, and after delay, switch off 'B' and reset
After delay, repeat 'B', 'C', 'D', sequence.
- I. Switch on lamp, running light.

For the left hand rear view mirror housing

- E. Switch on the lamp, nearest L.H. door, vehicle moving left
- F. Switch on next lamp, vehicle turning left and after delay
- G. Switch on next lamp, and after delay
- H. Switch on next lamp, and after delay, switch off 'F' and reset
After delay, repeat 'F', 'G', 'H', sequence
- J. Switch on lamps, running and clearance lamps.